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TIME Magazine: Coombs on Manning

Visiting Professor David Coombs on why his client, WikiLeaks Chelsea Manning, is suing the government for refusing to pay for gender reassignment treatment.

From TIME Magazine: "[WikiLeaks Source Chelsea Manning Sues Govt Over Hormone Treatment Request](#)" by Denver Nicks



Sept. 23, 2014: Chelsea Manning, who is serving a 35-year sentence at Fort Leavenworth military prison for leaking classified government documents to WikiLeaks, has sued U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel over the government's refusal to pay for gender reassignment treatment.

"The government continues to deny Ms. Manning's access to necessary medical treatment for gender dysphoria, without which she will continue to suffer severe psychological harms," Chase Strangio, an ACLU attorney and co-counsel with **Manning's long-term civilian lawyer [and RWU Law Visiting Professor] David Coombs**, said in a statement. "Such clear disregard of well-established medical protocols constitutes cruel and unusual punishment." [...]



"I am proud to be standing with the ACLU behind Chelsea on this very important issue." **said the civilian lawyer David Coombs.** "It is my hope that through this action, Chelsea will receive the medical care that she needs without having to suffer any further anguish."

For full story, click [here](https://time.com/3423728/wikileaks-source-chelsea-manning-sues-govt-over-hormone-treatment-request/). [https://time.com/3423728/wikileaks-source-chelsea-manning-sues-govt-over-hormone-treatment-request/]